



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

JRE  
Docket No: 5199-00  
16 January 2001

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: FORMER [REDACTED]  
REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149  
(2) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that her naval record be corrected to show that she was assigned a reenlistment (RE) code more favorable than the RE-4 she received on 26 November 1999.

2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. Cooper, Lightle and McPartlin, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 December 2000 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Enclosure (1) was filed in a timely manner.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy on 30 August 1999. On 29 October 1999, he reported multiple episodes of blacking-out during strenuous activity. He declined to undergo a CT scan of his head to rule out a tumor or growth, and expressed a desire to be discharged. His condition was assessed as "recurrent pre-syncope and syncope, idiopathic, frequent and severe, causing severe incapacitation" for duty, and he was recommended for discharge for failing to meet procurement medical standards due to "disturbances of consciousness". He was discharged by reason of erroneous entry (other) on 26 November 1999, and assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4. Following his discharge, he was found to have a mitral valve prolapse with mitral regurgitation, which his doctor did not consider

disqualifying for military service. He attributed the symptoms which resulted in his discharge to the effects of dehydration and/ or use of a decongestant which had been prescribed for bronchitis.

d. SECNAVINST 1900.8 provides that Sailors discharged for erroneous entry-other may be assigned a reenlistment code of RE-3E or RE-4 in the discretion of the commanding officer.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that a discharge for erroneous entry was appropriate in this case because Petitioner was susceptible to frequent, recurrent, alterations in consciousness. In addition, it noted that Petitioner had a mitral valve prolapse with mitral regurgitation is also a disqualifying condition. It also concluded that Petitioner should be assigned a reenlistment code of RE-3E. In this regard, it noted there is no evidence that he had any performance problems or disciplinary infractions during his brief period of service. As such, his record does not warrant the assignment of the stigmatizing code of RE-4.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

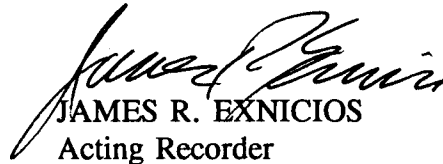
#### RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 26 November 1999, he was assigned a reenlistment code of RE-3E in lieu of the code of RE-4 actually assigned on that date.

b. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) it is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Recorder

  
JAMES R. EXNICIOS  
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.



W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director